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For: CYANINE DYES AS LABELING REAGENTS FOR DETECTION OF
BIOLOGICAL AND OTHER MATERIALS BY LUMINESCENCE
METHODS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Attached is an English translation of an Opposition Brief setting out the grounds for an opposition filed against German patent DE 39 43 862 B4 granted January 22, 2004. This German patent claims benefit of U.S. patent application Serial No. 240,756 filed April 12, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 06/854,347 filed April 18, 1986 from which the present application claims priority.

A formal notice of opposition was filed (in German) on April 22, 2004 and the attached English translation was received by a person designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) on July 9, 2004.

The opposition is based upon an abstract by Salama, Waggoner and Abramson published in February of 1985 in the Biophysical Journal and is already record in this application. An additional copy is attached for the examiner's convenience. Claim 5 of the opposed patent is set out on page 2 of the attached written statement.

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Please take this information into account during your further examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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